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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Cluster Group Affiliation—TCE HIV

Congressional Districts Served—California 32nd, 33rd

Purpose, Goals and Objectives—The proposed Project has two primary purposes: to increase the capacity of two community-based organizations -- one a substance abuse treatment center, the other a HIV/AIDS counseling center and to deliver effective and integrated skills-based substance abuse HIV/AIDS services preventive intervention and treatment services to African American and Latina women. The three objectives articulated for this Project are: (1) to develop the capacity to deliver an integrated program of comprehensive services to substance abuse clients who are at risk for HIV/AIDS; (2) to develop the capacity to deliver an integrated program of comprehensive services to HIV and AIDS clients who are at risk for substance abuse; and (3) to conduct outreach and recruitment strategies the educate and motivate populations in the service community at risk for both substance abuse and HIV/AIDS infection.

Target Population/Geographic Service Area—The Project proposes to provide HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment services to approximately 450 African American and Latina women in service planning area (SPA) 4, Los Angeles county.

Theoretical Model—Both the ACW and the CBA will follow the traditional social model approach to substance abuse treatment integrated with the strengths of the clinical/medical model approach (e.g., accountability, documentation and accepted therapeutic techniques).

Service Providers—The Project is a collaborative venture with the Alcoholism Center for Women, Inc. (ACW) serving as the lead agency and Caring for Babies with AIDS, Inc. (CBA). The Project also will collaborate with approximately 60 other community-based organizations to provide out-source referrals from and in-source referrals to ACW and CBA.

Services Provided—HIV/AIDS services intervention will include case management, individualized treatment planning, behavior management support, couples counseling, individual and group counseling, client needs assessment, referrals to and linkages with other vital community resources including mental health referrals, and risk reduction education sessions. ACW also proposes to provide child care services through the CBA for women seeking out-participant substance abuse treatment and/or HIV/AIDS services.

Through a network of some 60 community-based services providers, the Project will include detoxification services, residential treatment, and other support services.

Number of Persons Served—The Project seeks to deliver comprehensive substance abuse services to 160 substance abusing African American and Latina women, and develop capacity to deliver an integrated program of comprehensive services to 150 HIV and AIDS clients.

Desired Project Outputs—At the conclusion of this grant, the Project expects to have expanded, cross trained and certified its staff in HIV/AIDS and Alcohol and Drug Counseling. It also expects to have provided integrated HIV/AIDS substance abuse services to 450 clients (300 ACW and 150 CBA).

Consumer Involvement—The Project employs and utilizes volunteers culturally indigenous individuals from the target population.

EVALUATION

Strategy and Design—The evaluation intends to provide formative (process) and summative (outcome) assessments of the Project.

Evaluation Goals/Desired Results—The process evaluation seeks to ensure that the activities outlined for the Project are implemented as planned. The summative evaluation will measure outcomes, in particular, the quality and effectiveness of the proposed program activities on attitudes and behaviors.

Evaluation Questions and Variables—The process evaluation will address questions related to the admission and orientation of clients, selection and training of staff, the extent to which collaborating partners are participating according to expectations, the extent to which linkages are being made smoothly, and whether the Project's goals are clearly stated and attainable. The outcome assessment will focus on questions that illuminate whether or not the Project met its stated objectives, which program components were successful and which required modification, the interaction of the various program components, what background characteristics of the clients and providers were most associated with successful goal attainment, and what, if any, were the unintended outcomes of the project.

Instruments and Data Management—Data collection instruments described included a Pre-Project Needs Assessment Survey, Admission Screening Instrument, Behavioral Change Index, Follow-up Questionnaire, Client Satisfaction Survey and the GPRA Client Outcomes Measures for Discretionary Programs.

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